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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2007

Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Native American \$1
5 Coin Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIVE AMERICAN \$1 COIN PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5112 of title 31, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(r) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING \$1
6 COINS HONORING NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE IMPOR-
7 TANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INDIAN TRIBES AND IN-
8 DIVIDUAL NATIVE AMERICANS IN UNITED STATES HIS-
9 TORY.—

10 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2009.—Effective
11 beginning January 1, 2009, notwithstanding sub-
12 section (d), in addition to the coins to be issued pur-
13 suant to subsection (n), and in accordance with this
14 subsection, the Secretary shall mint and issue \$1
15 coins that—

16 “(A) have as the designs on the obverse
17 the so-called ‘Sakakawea design’; and

18 “(B) have a design on the reverse selected
19 in accordance with paragraph (2)(A), subject to
20 paragraph (3)(A).

21 “(2) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The \$1 coins
22 issued in accordance with paragraph (1) shall meet
23 the following design requirements:

24 “(A) COIN REVERSE.—The design on the
25 reverse shall bear—

1 “(i) images celebrating the important
 2 contributions made by Indian tribes and
 3 individual Native Americans to the devel-
 4 opment of the United States and the his-
 5 tory of the United States;

6 “(ii) the inscription ‘\$1’ ; and

7 “(iii) the inscription ‘United States of
 8 America’.

9 “(B) COIN OBVERSE.—The design on the
 10 obverse shall—

11 “(i) be chosen by the Secretary, after
 12 consultation with the Commission of Fine
 13 Arts and review by the Citizens Coinage
 14 Advisory Committee; and

15 “(ii) contain the so-called ‘Sakakawea
 16 design’ and the inscription ‘Liberty’.

17 “(C) EDGE-INCUSED INSCRIPTIONS.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The inscription of
 19 the year of minting and issuance of the
 20 coin and the inscriptions ‘E Pluribus
 21 Unum’ and ‘In God We Trust’ shall be
 22 edge-incused into the coin.

23 “(ii) PRESERVATION OF DISTINCTIVE
 24 EDGE.—The edge-incusing of the inscrip-
 25 tions under clause (i) on coins issued

under this subsection shall be done in a manner that preserves the distinctive edge of the coin so that the denomination of the coin is readily discernible, including by individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

“(D) REVERSE DESIGN SELECTION.—The designs selected for the reverse of the coins described under this subsection—

“(i) shall be chosen by the Secretary after consultation with the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, the Congressional Native American Caucus of the House of Representatives, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Congress of American Indians;

“(ii) shall be reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee;

“(iii) may depict individuals and events such as—

“(I) the creation of Cherokee written language;

“(II) the Iroquois Confederacy;

“(III) Wampanoag Chief Massasoit;

1 “(IV) the ‘Pueblo Revolt’;

2 “(V) Olympian Jim Thorpe;

3 “(VI) Ely S. Parker, a general
4 on the staff of General Ulysses S.
5 Grant and later head of the Bureau of
6 Indian Affairs; and

7 “(VII) code talkers who served
8 the United States Armed Forces dur-
9 ing World War I and World War II;
10 and

11 “(iv) in the case of a design depicting
12 the contribution of an individual Native
13 American to the development of the United
14 States and the history of the United
15 States, shall not depict the individual in a
16 size such that the coin could be considered
17 to be a ‘2-headed’ coin.

18 “(3) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING 1
19 NATIVE AMERICAN EVENT DURING EACH YEAR.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each design for the
21 reverse of the \$1 coins issued during each year
22 shall be emblematic of 1 important Native
23 American or Native American contribution each
24 year.

“(B) ISSUANCE PERIOD.—Each \$1 coin minted with a design on the reverse in accordance with this subsection for any year shall be issued during the 1-year period beginning on January 1 of that year and shall be available throughout the entire 1-year period.

“(C) ORDER OF ISSUANCE OF DESIGNS.—Each coin issued under this subsection commemorating Native Americans and their contributions—

“(i) shall be issued, to the maximum extent practicable, in the chronological order in which the Native Americans lived or the events occurred, until the termination of the coin program described in subsection (n); and

“(ii) thereafter shall be issued in any order determined to be appropriate by the Secretary, after consultation with the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, the Congressional Native American Caucus of the House of Representatives, and the National Congress of American Indians.

“(4) ISSUANCE OF NUMISMATIC COINS.—The Secretary may mint and issue such number of \$1

1 coins of each design selected under this subsection
 2 in uncirculated and proof qualities as the Secretary
 3 determines to be appropriate.

4 “(5) QUANTITY.—The number of \$1 coins
 5 minted and issued in a year with the design in ac-
 6 cordance with this subsection shall be not less than
 7 20 percent of the total number of \$1 coins minted
 8 and issued in such year under this subsection and
 9 subsection (n).”.

10 (b) MARKETING PROGRAM.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-
 12 ury shall carry out a cost-effective, continuing cam-
 13 paign to encourage commercial enterprises to accept
 14 and dispense \$1 coins that have as designs on the
 15 obverse the so-called “Sakakawea design”.

16 (2) REPORT.—The Secretary of the Treasury
 17 shall submit to Congress an annual report on the
 18 success of the efforts described in paragraph (1).

19 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

20 (a) PRESIDENTIAL \$1 COIN PROGRAM.—Section
 21 5112(n) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1)—

23 (A) by striking the paragraph designation
 24 and heading and all that follows through “Not-

1 withstanding subsection (d)” and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2007.—Notwith-
4 standing subsection (d)”;

5 (B) by striking subparagraph (B); and

6 (C) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as
7 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and
8 indenting the subparagraphs appropriately; and

9 (2) by striking “Sacagawea-design” each place
10 it appears and inserting “Sakakawea-design”.

11 (b) REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO CIRCULATION OF \$1
12 COIN.—Section 5112(p) of title 31, United States Code,
13 is amended in paragraphs (3)(C) and (5) by striking
14 “Sacagawea-design” each place it appears and inserting
15 “Sakakawea-design”.

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